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Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy, Environment visits Huntsville Center

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.--The Honorable Ms. Katherine Hammack, the assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, visited the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Dec. 15, as part of a two-day visit to Huntsville, Ala.

Huntsville Center Commander Col. Nello Tortora took the opportunity to explain to Ms. Hammack the Center's expertise, capabilities, opportunities and challenges during the working lunch. He stressed to her that he also wanted to receive her guidance on ways the Center could improve its support to the Army.

Tortora said, our mission statement is very broad, but I would point out there are four things we are very passionate about: our technical expertise, our ability to develop large and specialized acquisition tools for our customers, our ability to deliver services worldwide with our program and project management, and, lastly, our focus on continuous improvement and innovation to raise the bar in response to our customers' needs and always looking to add value to their mission accomplishments.

Subject matter experts presented updates on key energy programs managed by the Huntsville Center: Energy Engineering Analysis Program, Energy Conservation and Investment Program, Energy Savings Performance Contracting, Metering and the Army's Energy Initiatives Task Force.

The briefings focused on four areas of interest to Hammack: driving efficiency across the enterprise, build resilience through renewable/alternative energy, science and technology and change the culture.

"It is a great service you provide to the Army," Hammack said. "Thank you for the work you do every day, and for your support to Net Zero."

She spoke about challenges facing the Corps of Engineers as the Army and budget gets smaller.

"It is not new to improve energy efficiency for the Army," Hammack said. "The Army has been doing this for a number of years. We just need to make the most of our resources."

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